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OF THE TOWN OF
Hampton Falls, N. H.
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Officers elected at Annual Meeting.

Moderator,

WARREN BROWN.

Town Clerk,

CYRUS W. BROWN.

Representative,

CHARLES T. BROWN.

Selectmen,

LEVI E. LANE,

JOHN M. MARSHALL,

HENRY H. KNIGHT.

Treasurer,

*LEVI E. LANE.

Board of Education,

WARREN BROWN,

CHARLES F. CHASE,

NATHAN H. ROBIE.

Auditors,

JOHN A. BROWN,

JOHN C. SANBORN,

WARREN J. PRESCOTT.

Collector,

*JOHN C. SANBORN.

* Appointed by Selectmen.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Total valuation of Town April 1st, 1872,	\$240,830 00
Polls,	\$14,100 00
Resident Personal Estate,	33,081 00
" Real Estate,	166,591 00
Non-resident " "	27,058 00
Total,	<u>240,830 00</u>
Rate : State, County, Town and School Tax, \$1.73 per \$100.	
Highway	" .42 " "
Total,	<u>\$2.15</u>

Appropriations.

Town	{	For Town Debt,	\$1,000 00	
		Schools,	760 00	
		Town Charges,	300 00	
		New School House,	200 00	
		State Tax,	651 00	
		County Tax,	1,075 76	
		Per centage,	166 28	
		Total,	<u> </u>	4153 04
		Non-resident Highway Tax,	104 62	
		Dog Tax,	53 00	
		<u> </u>	157 62	
Total amount committed for collection,			<u>4,310 66</u>	

Money Received.

Rec'd of State Treasurer, State Bonds,	4,450	00
" " " Int. on " "	213	00
" " " Railroad Tax,	488	43
" " " Savings Bank Tax,	162	96
" " " Insurance Tax,	7	50
" " " Literary Fund,	40	95
Claims from County,	12	00
Amount of money paid Town Treasurer, —	\$5,374	84

JOHN M. MARSHALL,
HENRY H. KNIGHT,
Selectmen of Hampton Falls.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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LEVI E. LANE, Treasurer, in account with the Town of
Hampton Falls, for the year ending March 1st, 1873.

He charges himself as follows :

Balance on hand March 1st, 1872,	415 46
Received of Selectmen,	5,374 84
“ of Collector, John C. Sanborn,	4,310 66
Total receipts,	———— \$10,100 96

He credits with the following payments :

Per order of the Selectmen,	
Cash paid State Tax,	\$651 00
“ “ County Tax,	1075 76
“ “ Board of Education,	884 95
“ “ for new School House,	200 00
“ “ Approp'n for Town Landing,	150 00
“ “ Support of Poor, (A)	161 86
“ “ Roads and Bridges, (B)	465 31
“ “ Services of Town Officers, (C)	193 00
“ “ Town indebtedness, (D)	5,605 34
“ “ Incidentals, (E)	86 33
“ “ Abatements,	87 34
Total expenditures,	———— \$9,560 89
Balance on hand,	———— \$540 07

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Support of Poor.

Pd. N. Blatchford, supplies to Mrs. Page,	15 51
Brown & Green, “ “ “	35 50
G. D. Dodge, “ “ “	3 00

D. M. Whittier, wood, for Mrs. Page,	40 00
“ sawing wood, “ “	12 00
“ rep’g stove for “ “	1 10
Charles Chase, house rent, “ “	15 00
Mrs. Eliza Brown, nursing, “ “	9 00
S. G. Jenness, medical services, “	8 75
C. H. Sanborn, medical services,	4 00
Expense of transient persons,	17 00
Geo. L. Brown, supplies for Mrs. Page,	1 00

 161 86

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Roads and Bridges.

Pd. J.W. Hall, labor, bridge at Coffin’s mill,	82 00
W. McDevitt, “ “ “ “	15 75
H. H. Knight, “ “ “ “	18 00
L. E. Lane, “ “ “ “	42 00
J. M. Marshall, “ “ “ “	2 00
T. M. Prescott, “ “ “ “	7 50
Frank B. Brown, “ “ “ “	19 50
J. Carlisle, use of derrick,	15 00
J. E. Brown, for carting derrick,	5 00
A. S. Coffin, lumber, gravel, services, &c.	16 92
Mrs. M. A. James, stone for bridge at Coffin’s mill,	2 50
Warren Brown, do. do.	15 00
Daniel Pevear, repairing highways, dis- trict No. 8,	8 52
Green Hardy, do. do., dist. No. 9,	12 00
J. T. Batchelder, lumber for bridges,	62 54
Warren Brown, railing bridge,	7 00
John Batchelder, 60 loads gravel,	6 00
B. F. Weare, lumber,	19 76

Lowell F. Merrill, making snow paths,	12	00	
James D. Janvrin, " " "	16	52	
Alvah D. Prescott, " " "	21	75	
John C. Akerman, " " "	10	25	
Green Hardy, " " "	20	00	
Daniel Pevear, " " "	17	80	
Levi E. Lane, " " "	10	00	
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			\$465 31

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Officers' Services.

Paid Cyrus W. Brown, services Town Clerk,	20	00	
John C. Sanborn, services Collector,	50	00	
John M. Marshall, " Selectman,	24	00	
H. H. Knight, " " "	24	00	
L. E. Lane, " " "	40	00	
" " Treasurer,	20	00	
Board of Education,	15	00	
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			\$193 00

Town Indebtedness.

Paid Coupons,	50	00	
Balance of J. T. Brown's Note,	229	00	
Town Bonds, Nos. 13 and 14,	1,000	00	
Town " " 20 and 21, inter-			
est to July 1, 1872,	1,016	67	
Town Bonds, Nos. 22 and 26, inter-			
est to July 1, 1872,	711	67	
Joel Wilson's Note and interest,	636	00	
J. H. Gove's Note with interest,	1590	00	
Interest on Lorana Brown's Note,	24	00	
Interest on J. H. Gove's Notes,	348	00	
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			\$5,605 34

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Incidentals.

Paid L. E. Lane, expense of Auditors, Feb. 27th, 1872,	3 00	
L.W. Brewster, print'g town reports, '72,	23 00	
G. E. Lane, stationery,	4 83	
C. W. Brown, stationery and postage,	1 50	
L. E. Lane, stationery, postage, express fees, &c.	2 15	
C. H. Roberts, copy of Record of Sol- diers furnished for the war by the town of Hampton Falls,	2 00	
C. H. Sanborn, record'g births & deaths,	3 50	
J. J. Brown, use of Christian Chapel, '72,	25 00	
J.B. Sanborn, lettering 22 guide-boards,	9 75	
L. E. Lane, 20 guide-boards, 5 posts and putting up the same,	11 60	
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Abatements.

Remitted George B. Sanborn the following Taxes of 1871 :		
Benj. Brown's tax,	3 62	
Robert Brown, dog tax,	1 00	
James H. Clarke, poll tax,	2 59	
L. W. Dow, " "	2 59	
J. M. Driver, " "	2 59	
J. V. Hodgdon, " "	2 59	
James Janvrin, dog tax,	1 00	
Joseph Pevear, poll tax,	2 59	
M. E. Wall, " "	2 59	
Non-resident taxes, amounting to	8 81	
Abated non-resident highway taxes '72,	57 37	
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LEVI E. LANE, *Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

\$540 07.

We, the subscribers, have this day examined the accounts of the Town Treasurer for the year ending March 1st, A. D. 1873, and find them well vouched, correctly cast, and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of five hundred and forty dollars and seven cents.

JOHN A. BROWN,
WARREN J. PRESCOTT, } *Auditors.*
JOHN C. SANBORN, }

Hampton Falls, Feb. 26, A. D. 1873.

Town Debts, March 1st, 1873.

Date of Notes.	To whom payable.	Amount.	Rate per ct.	To what date Interest is paid.
March 1, 1871	J. H. Gove.	\$5,300 00	6	March 1, 1873.
" 1872	J. H. Gove.	500 00	6	" " "
" 1871	Lorana Brown.	400 00	6	" " "

Total liabilities, \$6,200 00

Less by cash on hand, 540 07

Total debt, \$5,659 93

Debt last year, 10,784 74

5,659 93

Debt decreased, \$5,124 81

LEVI E. LANE, *Treasurer.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Board of Education would respectfully submit the following report:

By vote of the town in May, 1871, the district system was abolished. The town becoming one school district, under the direction of a Board of Education, consisting of three persons, who were authorized to take the entire charge of the schools, performing all the duties which had devolved upon Prudential and Superintending Committees.

Under these conditions the Board entered upon their duties, finding a decided improvement over the old system of selecting and qualifying teachers. A superintendent was often obliged to give a certificate for mere scholarship, and the ability of the candidate to pass a good examination, regardless of the possession of any faculty of government or qualifications to take the general management of a school. The board have the power to remedy this to a great extent, having a discretionary power, allowing them to take all the circumstances into account before making selections.

This new system has been generally adopted in Massachusetts, with the most favorable results. And public opinion in our own state is rapidly tending in the same direction. The continued existence of small school districts, where schools can be maintained but a few weeks in a year, are regarded as evils. Concentration and a more vigorous policy are demanded by the friends of education everywhere. Whatever of failure may have attended the management of our schools the past season, should not be charged to the system, but to the negligence or incompetence of the Board.

We feel to congratulate all concerned upon having been able to secure good teachers to take charge of the schools the past year, and that each school was taught by but one teacher. Frequent changes, unless imperatively demanded, are not in our opinion advantageous. Good teachers should be continued in service, where it is possible, as they are not plenty. Formerly there were numerous applicants for each school. Of late other business has offered superior inducements, and those having the matter in charge have sometimes had no little difficulty to find suitable persons to employ.

While we have in the past viewed our school matters with satisfaction, they are very far from perfection, and unsatisfactory as it may seem, our schools are probably not up to an average, taking the state as a whole. Our school houses are not all well appointed, in some cases inconvenient, and destitute of globes, outline maps, and the modern improvements for facilitating the acquirement of knowledge; are not all in sheltered locations, and surrounded by suitable play grounds. The registers show that parents and friends of education do not visit the schools as often as is desirable, if they have the best interest of the schools at heart. They seem to forget that the future welfare of the town and community largely depend upon the condition and training of the young.

The condition of the Schools and School Houses is a fair index of the character of the community which surrounds them. The majority never have any other school facilities except the Common School: for this reason they should be made as efficient as possible. Money properly applied for purposes of education is not wasted, but invested where it will repay an hundred fold.

The North School was taught (30 weeks) by Miss Helen M. Sanborn. She is an experienced teacher. Good order was maintained. So far as we were able to judge, the

school made commendable progress. The interest manifested by parents and friends in this school, in the past, has done much toward making it what it is. In our judgment this is the way to make a school what it should be.

Whole number of Scholars, 26 ; Average, 19 1-2 ; Instances of Tardiness, 51 ; Not Absent one-half day, 0 ; Number of Visits of Board, 3 ; By citizens and others, 10 ; Wages of Teacher, including Board, \$25 per month.

The East School was taught for Thirty Weeks by Miss Olivia J. Otis, of Lee. Miss Otis is a teacher of ability and experience. The discipline of this school has been good. The improvement in all branches very marked.

Whole Number, 51 ; Average, 45 ; Tardiness, 56 ; Number of Visits by Board, 9 ; Citizens and others, 47 ; Not absent during the year, 1, Georgiana Merrill : Summer Term, Helen W. Batchelder : Winter Term, Elmer A. Jones, Stanton L. Brown, Willie O. Tilton.

Wages of Teacher, including Board, \$32.

The West School was taught by Miss Abbie C. Batchelder ; the second year of her labor in this school. She has given entire satisfaction. The order was good. The recitations prompt and perfect. The Teacher and School have fully maintained their high rank.

Whole Number, 31 ; Average, 26 ; Tardiness, 34 ; Visits by Board, 3 ; Citizens and others, 14 ; Length of School, 30 weeks ; Wages of Teacher, including Board, \$25 ; Not Absent during the Year, Martha Nason, Josephine Robie : during two terms, Annie Brown, Howard Brown : during one term, Alice R. Brown, Edith Brown, Mary Nason.

South School.—A new School House has been lately erected on the South Road, and the citizens of that section have now what they had long needed—convenient school facilities.

The School has been under the charge of Miss Maria P. Blake, of Kensington. Teaching was a new business for her, but bringing to her new position a good education, with firmness, decision, and an aptness to teach, she made the school pleasant and a complete success. Whole number, 32; Average, 25; Tardiness, 254; Visits by Board, 4; Citizens and others, 21. Not absent during the year, Josie Blatchford: 2 terms, Edna M. Hardy, Ida M. Pevear: 1 Term, Lizzie M. Hardy, Bertha E. Randall, Clara J. Chase, Mary S. Pevear, Edwin B. Pevear, Norris B. Pevear.

Wages of Teacher, \$25 per month, including board; length of School, thirty weeks.

WARREN BROWN,
CHARLES F. CHASE,
NATHAN H. ROBIE,

Board of Education.

Hampton Falls, Feb. 26, 1873.





